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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country as on date, Statewise;

(b) the amount spent on the said Kendras during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the role and responsibilities of the said Kendras;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the works undertaken by the said centres;

(e) if so, the outcome of the said review; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) As on date, the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) sanctioned in the country is 558. The Statewise details are given in Annexure-I.

(b) During the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) an amount of Rs. 66105.87 lakh was provided to the KVKs. The State-wise details of each of the last three years are given in Annexure -II.

(c) The activities of the KVK include assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology through on-farm trials and frontline demonstrations, and improving the knowledge and skills of farmers and extension personnel. Various extension progrmmes are taken up by the KVKs to create awareness of improved technology among the farmers. Seeds and planting materials produced in the KVKs are also made available to the farmers.

(d) to (f): The activities of the KVKs for the period of 2000-01 to 2004-05 have been reviewed by a Quinquennial Review Team. The major areas of considerable impact noted by the Team include Crop Production, Seed Production/Replacement, Integrated Pest Management, Natural Resource Management, Livestock Production and Management, Fisheries, Information and Communication Technology, Entrepreneurship Development, and Use of Innovative Extension Approaches. The major recommendation made by the Team include Policy issues, Financial Systems and Procedures, Programme Planning and Execution, and Capacity Building.